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THERE'S A GUY THAT'S BEEN ON
MY MIND – MICHINAGA. ONE DAY HE TOLD
ME "TAKA, I HAVE A CRUSH ON THE
TEACHER." BUT IT HURTS ME TO
SEE HIS PAINED EXPRESSION. FORGET
ABOUT THAT TEACHER. FORGET ABOUT
LOVE THAT'LL NEVER BLOOM. CHOOSE
ME INSTEAD. TAKA AND MICHI, MICHI AND
THE TEACHER, THE TEACHER AND
TAKA'S OLDER BROTHER... WHERE
WILL ALL THESE ONE-SIDED FEELINGS
TAKE THEM? FRENZIED ENTANGLED
WORLD, ALSO ILLUDED

PROFILE

HAIM HINODE

Birthday ● August 29
Blood Type ● O
Location ● One of Japan's major cities
Likes ● light luggage
Dislikes ● heavy luggage
Lately ● Every year I find I'm loving plants more and more

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SUMMER IN THE NORTH KANTO REGION IS SWELTERING...
IS THE METER READING "HIGHEST TEMPERATURES EVER RECORDED*? WE'VE ALREADY EXPERIENCED IT FIVE TIMES
THEY SAY THAT THIS YEAR THE LA NINA PHENOMENON IS SUPPOSED TO BRING EVEN MORE HEATWAVES.
*OGAWAS
THIS IS THE TOWN WE LIVE IN
HEH
Silence...
THOSE GUYS
SO ANNOYING
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
OMIGAWD, ARE YOU SERIOUS ???
I'M SERIOUS

MICHINAGA IS CHEERFUL, SOCIABLE AND FLASHY...
MAKING NOISE ABOUT NOTHING...
THAT'S WHY HE ISN'T LIKED BY ALL GUYS WHO CAN'T GET GIRLS LIKE HE CAN.
MUNCH
BUT...
OH?
HEY!
KAZAMA, IS THAT YOUR SECOND LUNCH TODAY?
ISN'T THAT THE SUPER-RARE HAMANERO CROQUETTE FROM THE STORE?
COOL!
... I RAN TO BUY IT BEFORE PRACTICE
OOH.
GRIN
NICE ONE, MR. SWIM TEAM ATHLETE!

AWW, AGAIN?
LET'S GO TO ION ON THE WAY HOME!
OH!
MICCHIIII!
I'M NOT AN ATHLETE
WWWWWE
HE'S NOT LISTENING
HEY!
WELL,
SEE YA!!
THAT SMELLED REALLY GOOD
HE'S WEARING SOMETHING ISN'T HE?
WHAT WAS IT? SOMETHING-POUR HOMME?

OMIGAWD IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GONNA RAIN!
PEOPLE WILL SAY WHAT THEY SAY
BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY REASON TO HATE HIM.
GIRLS!
BE CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY HOME
AYUKAWA-SENSEI! GIVE US A RIDE HOME!♥
BETTER RUN HOME BEFORE IT RAINS
NO REASON AT ALL.
KAZAMA!
OH
BYE!
ZZZ
CREAK
WU-I

HEY BRO?
HM?
KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT COLOGNE?
HUH ??
Enemy Karate
WUSHHH
AGHHH
THUDE
I'M HOME
You're late
HEY...
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?
SINCE WHEN ARE YOU CONCERNED WITH SEX APPEAL?
OH, HOW'S AYU DOING? MY OLD CLASSMATE?
GOOD
younger brother and sister

I FORGOT SOMETHING AT SCHOOL.
I'M GONNA GET IT.
NOW!?
HISTORY... HISTORY?
OOPS.
HISTORY RIGHT? IS HE TEACHING PROPERLY?
YEAH.
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM FOR A WHILE
TELL HIM I SAID HI
'KAY.
I ALREADY HAD A BEER, MAN. I CAN'T DRIVE YOU.
IT'S OKAY. I'LL TAKE MY BIKE.
GOOD THE LOCK IS STILL OPEN
CLICK
NO. MICHI-NAGA.

...OH.
WHO IS IT?

...
KAZAMA. HUH? YOU SURPRISED ME.
KAZAMA
...OH.

WHAT'S WRONG?
IT'S NOTHING.
I WAS JUST HAVING A TALK WITH MICHINAGA.
WITH THE LIGHTS OFF ?
MICHINAGA. IT'S LATE
GO HOME, OKAY?
I'LL BE GOING HOME TOO
...OKAY.

SLIDE
HEY
SLAM
AREN'T YOU GOING HOME?
IT'S RAINING...
DID YOU BRING AN UMBRELLA?
WSHHH
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK

CREAK
CREAK
CAN YOU...
...NOT TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS?
CREAK
CREAK
SURE, I WON'T.
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT ANYWAY.
...
DID HE DO SOMETHING TO YOU?
IF HE DID THEN...
NO!!
NO NO IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
UM.
I JUST HAVE A CRUSH ON THE TEACHER, THAT'S ALL!
REALLY SENSEI DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG
DON'T MISUNDERSTAND IT'S NOT...
WELL.

WHATEVER IT TAKES!
DON'T TELL ANYONE
PLEASE
SO
OH.
THIS IS MY PLACE. WE'RE A DENTAL CLINIC
YEAH, I KNOW
THEN IT MUST BE A HORRIBLE MEMORY.
REALLY?
MY SIBLINGS ALL CAME HERE WHEN THEY WERE SMALL.
O— OKAY

EVEN NOW?
EVEN NOW.
HA-HA HA.
SEEING ALL THE VOLUMES OF "OSHIMAI!" AT A DENTAL CLINIC? YEAH.
OH YEAH, TOTALLY
HAHA!
MY DAD COLLECTS THEM.
YOU SHOULD COME OVER TO READ THEM SOMETIME!
WSHHHH.

WISHHHHH
I JUST HAVE A CRUSH ON THE TEACHER.
THAT'S ALL!
OH!
DID YOU
...GET HOME ALRIGHT IN THE RAIN?
YES
I BORROWED MICHINAGA'S UMBRELLA.

OH, SENSEI,
MY BROTHER SAYS HI
I SEE.
ARE YOU CLOSE WITH MICHINAGA?
OH! TOSHI!
I SEE!
HOW'S HE DOING?
NOTHING MUCH
OH
KAZAMA'S OLDER BROTHER WAS MY CLASSMATE
JUST ABOUT THAT.
WHAT'RE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?
HEY, HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?
OKAY
TELL HIM WE SHOULD GO DRINKING SOMETIME

WHATEVER
WELL, DON'T SLACK OFF BECAUSE IT'S ALMOST SUMMER.
IS SENSEI AVOIDING ME...?
OH...
DON'T WORRY I HAVEN'T TOLD HIM ANYTHING
I KNOW IT'S NOT THAT IT'S JUST...
HAH...
I'M GONNA STOP WORRYING ABOUT IT...
OH WELL, WHATEVER

IT GETS REALLY HARD SOMETIMES
NOT BEING ABLE TO TELL ANYONE
BUT THANKS JUST BEING ABLE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT...
MADE ME FEEL BETTER
SUMMER VACATION
HEE HEE!
TEE HEE!
ARE YOU GOING TO WASH THOSE CUCUMBERS?
EWWWW, LOOK AT THAT BUG!
HEY, SOMEONE GET THE FIRE!
THE FIRE FOR THE CURRY'S GOING OUT!
BUZZL
BUZZL
BUZZL
BUZZL

WAIT I GOTTA GO DOWN TO THE RIVER WITH TAKA
'KAY?
MICCHI, CAN YOU TASTE THE CURRY FOR US?
YEAH
UHM
IT'S HEAVY
I'LL HELP!
IS THIS ALL?
SERIOUSLY!?
THANKS!!
THEN WANNA GO WITH ME?
I'LL PROBABLY END UP MORE SCARED THAN THE GIRLS.
NO WAY! I'M ACTUALLY A HUGE COWARD...
THE GIRLS WILL PROBABLY BE FIGHTING TO PAIR UP WITH YOU.
OHWP
WSHH
OHWP
THERE'S A HORROR WALK AT NIGHT ISN'T THERE?
I DON'T WANNA GO

OH... WELL, I GOTTA GO BACK TO THE CURRY GROUP.
TAKA, REMEMBER OUR PROMISE!
OH, KAZAMA.
YOU AND MICHINAGA SEEM TO BE SPENDING A LOT OF TIME TOGETHER.
UH HUH
WAIT A SECOND
I HOPE YOU CAN BE A GOOD FRIEND TO HIM.

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...
BUT THESE DAYS HE SEEMED A LITTLE—UNSTABLE, SO...
WHY ARE YOU...
BEING SO SERIOUS ALL OF A SUDDEN?

...ALL RIGHT.
THERE'S NOTHING UNSTABLE ABOUT MICHINAGA

STEP
—'SCUSE ME
SO...
THERE'S NOTHING FOR YOU TO WORRY ABOUT SENSEI.

ALRIGHT GROUP ONE, HEAD OUT FOR THE HORROR WALK!
AGHHH!!
NOOO!!
NO WAY! WHY!? MICCHI!!!!
EWWW!
NO WAY!!
HEHEH. I'M THE GIRL THIS TIME! TOO MANY GUYS LEFT OVER.
NO fair!!
165 cm
RUSTLE
WAIT CRAP IT'S REALLY DARK!!
AGH COME ON...

...STAY CLOSE BY, ALL RIGHT TAKA?
I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE

SINCE THEN...
...I HAVEN'T HAD A NORMAL CONVERSATION WITH SENSEI.
I CAN'T HELP THINKING THAT
I MUST BE REALLY UNATTRACTIVE
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME?
IT JUST FEELS AWKWARD
...
BUT I GUESS I'M WEIRD AFTER ALL
NO NORMAL PERSON WOULD SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT
...THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE YOU AT ALL
REALLY? YOU THINK SO?

I ASKED HIM TO HAVE SEX WITH ME.
WHAT'D YOU SAY TO THE TEACHER?
IT'S BETTER IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW.
YOU'D FREAK.
...I WON'T.
DID YOU WANT TO?
YEAH
...
HE SMELLS GOOD.
WHAT DO I LIKE? I DON'T KNOW...
FROM HIS HAIR.
HIS SKIN...
THERE'S AN IRRESISTIBLE SMELL.
BUT... I PROBABLY KNEW ALREADY...
I'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF A REASON.
...
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT AYUKAWA ANYWAY?

...THAT HE'LL PROBABLY NEVER UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL.
UNSTABLE, SO..
BUT THESE DAYS HE SEEMED A LITTLE...
...HUH?
SQUEEZE
THEN...
WHY...
...DON'T YOU...
...PRETEND I'M THE TEACHER?

I'LL...
IT'LL PROBABLY BE TOO DARK TO TELL WHO IT IS.
CLOSE YOUR EYES.
NO...
EVEN IF YOU DON'T.
I'LL...
...BE YOUR REPLACEMENT FOR AYUKAWA.

AH..
DOES IT FEEL GOOD ?
OOPS
NOT SUP-POSED TO TALK
NN..
HAH..
whisper
Close your eyes.
AH..

AH
IS HE PRETENDING THAT I'M THE TEACHER?
TWITCH
AH!
HEY MICHINAGA...
MICHI'S RESPONDING...
HE'S NOT REFUSING...
...FORGET ABOUT HIM.
NN...
NL...
CHOOSE ME INSTEAD
MPH...!

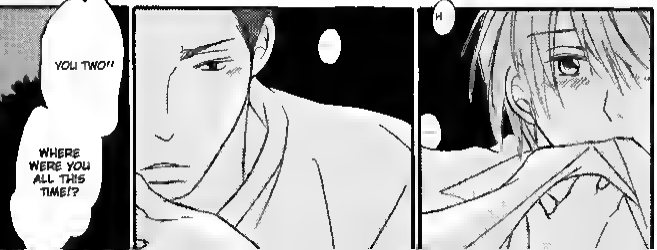
...
...!!
NGH.
drip
drip
...

SORRY...
S...
THROB
THROB
THROB

AH...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT M—
I—IT'S OKAY!
!

AH
PUNI
AHH
AH
twitch
AH...
AH...!!
AH
NNN...

GULP
twitch
twitch
NN
N...


YOU TWO!!
WHERE WERE YOU ALL THIS TIME!?
H

I'M SORRY.
I'M SORRY.
I WAS WONDERING WHAT HAD HAPPENED!
YOU WERE THE ONLY PAIR THAT DIDN'T COME BACK IN TIME!
WAS WITH ME.
MICHI-NAGA...
BUT...
MICHINA-GA'S ALRIGHT
I'M SORRY
I WAS WORRIED!!
SORRY...
SENSEI, IT WAS MY IDEA TO TAKE A SIDE PATH
WE'RE REALLY SORRY
WE JUST GOT CARRIED AWAY TALKING. IT ISN'T TAKA'S FAULT AT ALL.

YOU TWO CAN GO BACK TO YOUR BUNGALOW.
OKAY!
...WE GOT IN TROUBLE DIDN'T WE?
YEAH...

...FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO DO IT WELL...
BUT...
LET ME SAY ONE THING.
NO!
I'M SORRY!
SORRY...

I NEVER DO THINGS LIKE THIS.
PRETENDING SOMEONE IS SOMEONE ELSE.
HUH...?
WHICH MEANS...
AND BESIDES...
NO MATTER HOW DARK IT WAS...
THAT YOU'RE YOU.
WHICH MEANS,
UH...
ALL RIGHT.
THERE WAS NO WAY I COULD MISS IT...
THAT BUZZ CUT OF YOURS.
OHH
OH YEAH...!!
O-OKAY.
WELL SEE YOU TOMORROW THEN

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NAKAMA IS RECRUITING!

pillaging!
drinking!
flogging!
bishie hunting!

just another day on the job... wanna join?

Wer [illegible] just anyone. If all you're [illegible] banner and pirate booty and Yukana definately [illegible] Then you be t' be walkin' the plank.

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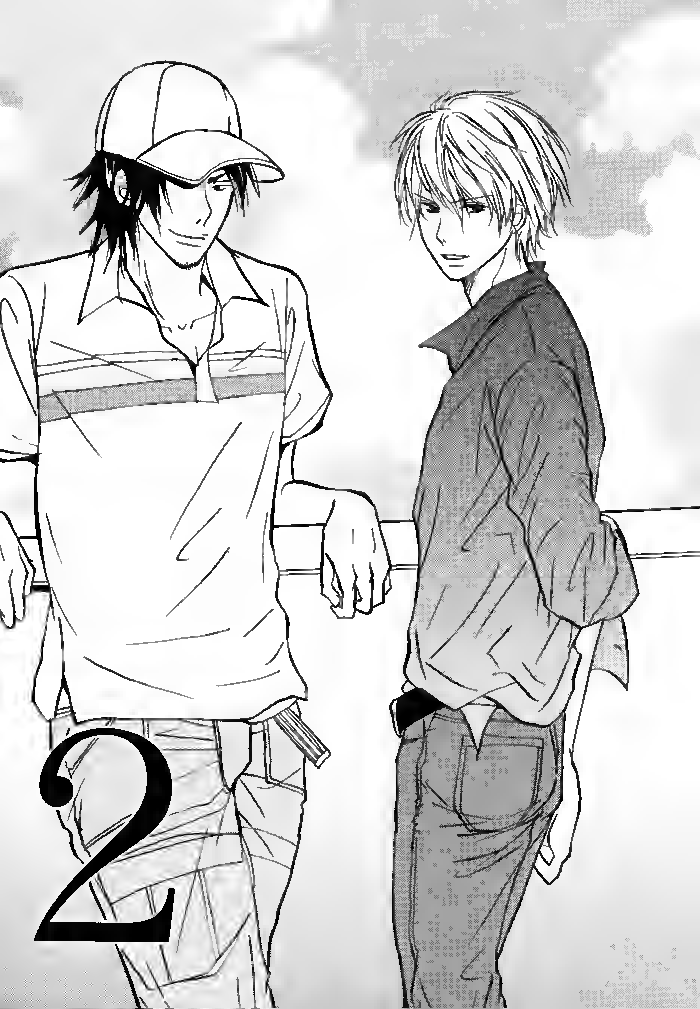
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I'M A TEACHER AT A PREFECTURAL HIGH SCHOOL ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN.
PEOPLE SAY I'M DEDICATED AND PASSIONATE. AND I'VE WORKED HARD TO EARN THE TRUST OF MY STUDENTS
BUT
HAH
HAH...
WHAT'S WRONG SENSEI? GIVE ME A PROPER BLOWJOB
I REMEMPER THE FIRST TIME YOU DID IT
YOU SEEMED LIKE YOU COULDN'T GET ENOUGH
M...
M...
PUT T...

YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE THE TYPE TO USE DATING SITES
WHY THIS TIME?
WOW
I WASN'T EXPECTING SOMEONE SO GOOD-LOOKING
TALL, LIKE HE SAID IN HIS PROFILE
SIMILAR TO HIM
AM I NO GOOD FOR YOU?
NO WAY!
BUT THAT'S WHERE THE SIMILARITIES END
NO REASON
I JUST WANTED TO FORGET SOMETHING BAD
HAH
HAH
ANYONE COULD HAVE DONE THE JOB
YOU'RE AMAZING
BUT HE SEEMED FRIENDLY,
SO I WENT AHEAD.

HAH...
HEY...
WHAT DO YOU DO FOR A LIVING...?
HE'S ASSERTIVE...
AH...
FEELS GOOD, HUH?
LOOK AT YOU...
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M DOING IT WITH SOMEONE SO GOOD-LOOKING...
NGH...
AH...
MMF... SENSEI...
IS HE...
LIKE THAT TOO...?!
PANT
PANT
AH...
AHH...
AH...
HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER...

...I THOUGHT YOU PASSED OUT.
?
Splash
Splash
OH HERE. YOU CAN HAVE YOUR LICENSE BACK
I WROTE DOWN YOUR ADDRESS AND EVERYTHING
I'M SORRY BUT I DON'T
I'M NOT GONNA LET YOU GO THAT EASILY
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HEY.
SO WHEN DO YOU WANT TO MEET UP NEXT?
OH...
FROM THEN ON, IT'S BEEN CONTINUING
RIGHT, AYUKAWA-SAN?
IT'S BEEN LIKE THIS EVER SINCE
IT WAS THEN THAT I FINALLY REALIZED...
...HOW RECKLESS MY ACTIONS WERE.
AND IF THE SCHOOL EVER FINDS OUT...
YOU KNOW.
THAT YOU'RE DOING THESE THINGS WITH ANOTHER MAN...

WELL,
I'LL PICK YOU UP NEXT SUNDAY.
IF ANYONE
WERE TO SEE ME...
Hotel
OFF THE BYPASS
THE ONLY LOVE HOTEL IN TOWN

HEHEH SLEEPING?
WAS I THAT ROUGH ON YOU TODAY?

WE'RE OFF TOSHIOMI-SAN!
SEE YOU!

I'M AFRAID I'D JUST LET HER DOWN.
I TOLD YOU I'D FIND YOU SOMEONE NICE!
WE'LL TAKE THE DAMAGED CABBAGE!
BLINK
Ow.
TOSHI-SAN, HAVEN'T YOU FOUND SOMEONE SPECIAL YET!?
TOSHI!
WHAT A WASTE. HE'S SUCH A GOOD YOUNG MAN!
I WISH I COULD TAKE HIM...
I know!
COMING!
HOOM

HEY, TOSHI.
...OH.
...
THANKS FOR DRIVING US, TOSHI-SAN!
NO PROB.

FUWA
...
...

HOW'S SCHOOL?
I'M MANAGING
TOSHI IS A CHEERFUL AND CARING GUY.

OH?
HE WAS TALKING ABOUT ME?
NOT REALLY
SAYS MY YOUNGER BRO
HUH!?
POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS HUH?
NOT THAT I...
finished drinking
..MIND OR ANYTHING
BUT WHEN HE'S WITH ME IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS
Silence
BLAM
BUT
NOW
JUST BEING WITH HIM MADE MY HEART WELL UP
WELL,
SEE YA
OH
YEAH.
THAT WAS ENOUGH

'THE FEUDAL DAIMYO'
'BEGAN ORGANIZING CITIZENS AND LOCAL SAMURAI INTO VASSALS...'
'TEMPLES LIKE THE ISHIKAWA HONGANJI ALSO BEGAN TO AMASS STRENGTH'
THANK YOU.
NEXT...
KAZAMA, YOU READ.

KAZAMA TAKATSUGU, ON THE SWIM TEAM.
'...AND GAVE THEM LAND.'

SENSEI
SENSEI
OH, SORRY
AH
?
I'M DONE.
HE DID SAY HIS YOUNGER BROTHER BEAT HIM IN HEIGHT THOUGH.
BUT SITTING DOWN, TOSHI WOULD PROBABLY BE ABOUT THE SAME
BROTHERS, FOR SURE
HIS EYES LOOK LIKE TOSHI'S.

I HAD MY EYES OPEN, MICHINAGA
HEHEH
SENSEI, YOU WERE SLEEPING DURING CLASS WEREN'T YOU?
YOU WERE SLEEPING WITH YOUR EYES OPEN.
HEHEH.
WHOA, SENSEI, IT'S RAINING.
WANNA CATCH SOME SHELTER IN THE CLASSROOM FOR A BIT?
SURE
HE'S CUTE—
I WOULDN'T CALL IT FAVORITISM, BUT
It's Ayukawa-sensei!
MICHII, YOU'RE NOT COMING!?
OH! BYE, KAZAMA!
MICHINAGA IKUTO THE SON OF A DENTIST
HE'S ALWAYS APPROACHING ME WITH THAT FRIENDLY SMILE
HE LOOKS FLASHY BUT STUDIES WELL

HAVE SEX WITH ME
SENSEI
WSHHHH
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
VRRRRR

NO
WAS IT A BAD IDEA ?
I LEFT THEM BEHIND TO DEAL WITH EVERY-THING
MAYBE HE'S TROUBLED ABOUT SOMETHING
ONCE HE CALMS DOWN, HE'LL REALIZE
KIDS AT THAT AGE ARE UNSTABLE

SO HE WON'T FEEL AWKWARD
I HAVE TO ACT NORMAL AROUND HIM TOMORROW
I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU. THAT'S WHY...
I WANT YOU TO HAVE SEX WITH ME.
HEEEY!
HEY GUYS, AYU-CHAN'S HERE!
AYU! LONG TIME NO SEE!
OH!
WELCOME

HERE'S A SEAT.
OH, YOU'RE SITTING THERE?
YEAH...
AYU, IS A DRAFT BEER OKAY?
LOOK DOWN
YO
Gabrie
IT'S FINE, ISN'T IT? IT'S A UNIVERSITY-PREP SCHOOL. FULL OF PREPS
IT'S DIFFERENT FROM YOUR WORKPLACE!
ISN'T HIGH SCHOOL HARD?
I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO BECOME A TEACHER HERE AYU
NOT FEELING WELL?
Gabrie
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU QUIETED DOWN AFTER AYU CAME
I'M FINE
OH
THIS LATE ALREADY!
WE THOUGHT YOU'D GO TO TOKYO AND WORK THERE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE

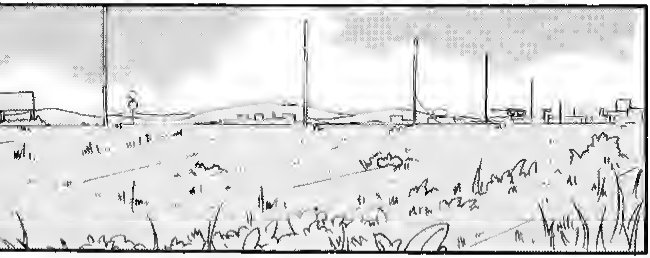
SORRY I HAVE WORK EARLY TOMORROW
ME TOO.
AYU, JOIN US ON THE WEEKEND!
FOR SURE!
I'M GONNA HELP IN THE BACK. RELAX, GUYS
YOU STILL HAVE TIME?
HUH? YEAH.
I'M ALONE WITH TOSH!
SQUEEZE
HEY
UM.

*"Flowing noodles" - Washing and noodles with water from one end of a bamboo pipe to another; people pick up the noodles as they flow past and eat
Nagashi-somen!
HUH?
OH, SURE!
WAIT, SUNDAY...
TH-THIS SUNDAY OUR KARATE DOJO IS DOING NAGASHI-SOMEN *
WHAT?
OH, UH.
WHAT?
SUNDAY'S BAD FOR YOU?
NO, IT'S NOT
A DATE OR SOMETHING?
WANNA COME?
IT'S NOT REALLY... LIKE THAT...
I DECIDED...
HUH!?
NO!
TO FORGET ABOUT HIM!
YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH SOMEONE, AREN'T YOU?
WH-WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME ANYWAY?
DON'T EXPECT ANYTHING JUST BECAUSE HE INVITED YOU OUT
I SEE SO YOU DO HAVE A DATE.
I DON'T!

...WHAT?
...
HE'S NOT...!
HUH!? I HEARD YOU WERE!
I'M NOT!
WHO DID YOU HEAR THAT FROM!?
THEN...
I JUST WANTED TO FORGET SOMETHING BAD
Tsss

I...
FLINCH
WELL,
LET'S GO SENSEI
GET IN

KICK
GEEZ!
WE DON'T HAVE AS MUCH TIME NOW SENSEI, 'CAUSE YOU WERE LATE!
STOP CALLING SO...
YOU KNOW THIS ALREADY...
LISTEN.
I DON'T... WANT TO SEE YOU ANYMORE.
GET IN. NOW.



HM? WHAT'S WRONG? SICK?
YOU DON'T LOOK TOO GOOD
WE WERE WAITING FOR YOU, MAN!
OH!
FINALLY HERE HUH?

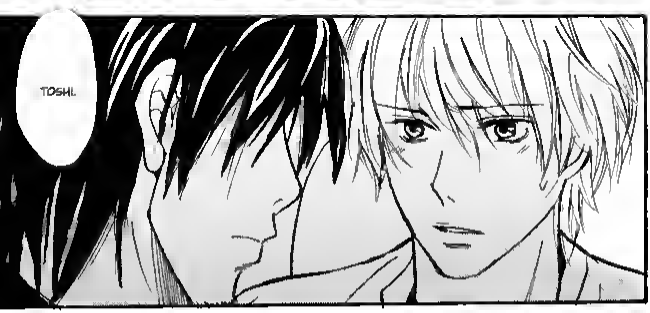
I'LL DRIVE.
I CAN TAKE MYSELF...
...
I'M FINE, TOSHI.
I THINK I BETTER GO HOME TODAY.
YEAH... MIGHT BE.
I'LL DRIVE YOU
I'M THE DESIGNATED DRIVER TODAY
IT'S GINGER ALE!
TOSHI, ISN'T THAT BEER...?

YOU MUST BE PRETTY STRONG NOW.
OH... YEAH.
YOU WERE DOING IT SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. REMEMBER BACK WHEN YOU-
ARE YOU KEEPING UP WITH YOUR KARATE?
UH...
SO, YOU...
...
YOU OK WITH THE A/C? NOT TOO COLD?
NO...
I'M ALMOST AN ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR
BUT ENOUGH ABOUT ME!
ABOUT YOU.
THE GUY THAT WAS IN THE CAR WITH YOU TODAY...
HAPPENED TO BE SOMEONE I KNEW FROM WORK, SO I WAS JUST WONDERING...
WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP DO YOU GUYS HAVE?

I JUST... WANTED TO KNOW HOW YOU GUYS KNOW EACH OTHER!
SORRY IT DIDN'T COME OUT RIGHT...
NO...!!
NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, TOSHI!
IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS WHAT YOU DO WITH OTHER PEOPLE, BUT...
N-NO, I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE...
TOSHI, IT'S NOT—!

YOU... KNOW HIM?

GRAB
...WHAT'S WRONG?



AFTER THAT,

TOSHI DROPPED ME OFF AT HOME AND DROVE OFF SOMEWHERE.

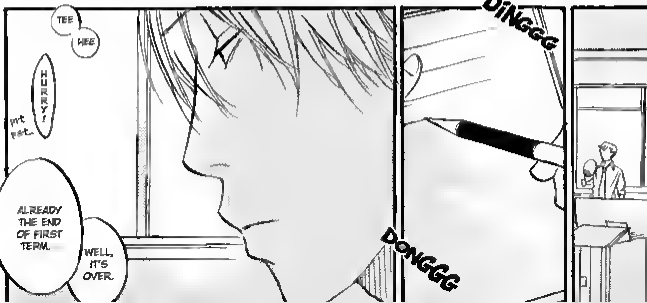
A FEW HOURS LATER, I GOT A CALL FROM HIM.

HE TOLD ME HE'D DEALT WITH THE GUY AND GOTTEN RID OF THE EVIDENCE

AND THAT I DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY

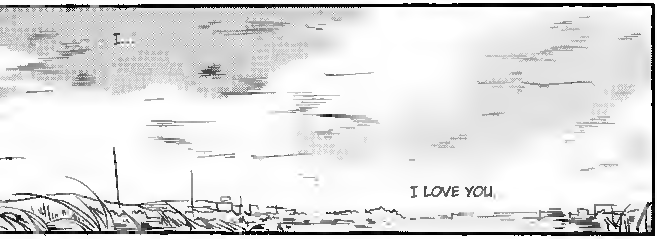
HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ELSE.

SINCE THEN, THERE'S BEEN NO CONTACT FROM THE GUY.



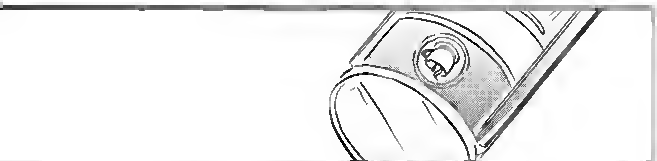
HERE ARE HANDOUTS ABOUT THE CAMPING TRIP THIS SUMMER.
LOOK AWAY
MICHINAGA.
SENSEI.
I'M SORRY ABOUT... LAST TIME.
IT'S OKAY...
BUT....
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT TROUBLED WITH ANY-THING?
IF YOU ARE...
...
...THEN I'LL LISTEN TO WHATEVER YOU HAVE TO SAY.
THAT'S OKAY

WHY CAN'T I...
...SEEM TO DO ANYTHING RIGHT?
WHY DO I...
...FEAR BEING HURT...
sigh
AND END UP LOSING THE PEOPLE THAT MATTER MOST TO ME
YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T WANT TO FIND OUT ANY OF IT
I'M SORRY
WHAT IF LOSING OPHELIA DID TO ME
...TOSHI...
...YOU WERE NICE ENOUGH NOT TO SAY ANYTHING...
SO THAT'S WHAT DID IT... I HEARD FROM THAT GUY'S MOUTH...



BUT YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T

...TALK TO ME THE WAY YOU DID BEFORE.



I PRESSED IT BY MISTAKE.
DRINK IT

SO HOW'S THAT NEW COFFEE?
...DOESN'T TASTE THAT DIFFERENT
YOU'RE RIGHT...
AVU, YOU...
TOSHI, I...
WHAT?
WHAT WERE YOU GONNA SAY—
YOU'RE FREE THIS SUNDAY RIGHT!?
—NEVERMIND!
YOU'LL PROBABLY TALK ABOUT SOMETHING STUPID SO I'LL TALK!
SO, UH...
THE LADIES AT THE DELIVERY CENTRE WANT TO HAVE AN AUTUMN FEST
WANNA COME HELP?

OH YEAH THERE'LL BE FREE LUNCH AND STUFF
I'LL COME PICK YOU UP AT 9.
...? SURE
'KAY.
I WON'T LISTEN TO WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY
...WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
TOSHI STAYED WITH ME FOR A LONG TIME ON THAT BENCH
BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN WHAT TO SAY
BUT BESIDE TOSHI IT FELT WARM.
THE AUTUMN WIND WAS A LITTLE CHILLY

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HAPPY
VALENTINES
DAY!
NAKAMA
NAKAMA
UKE-CATCHING

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We get strong winds in the winter where I live

They say it comes down from the Akagi mountain ranges

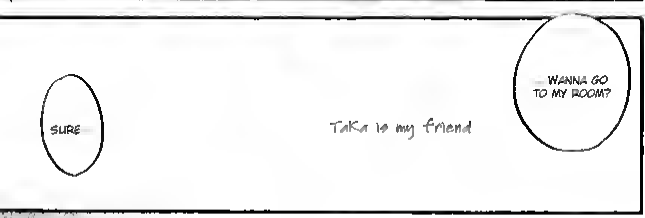
But I think "wind" is an understatement

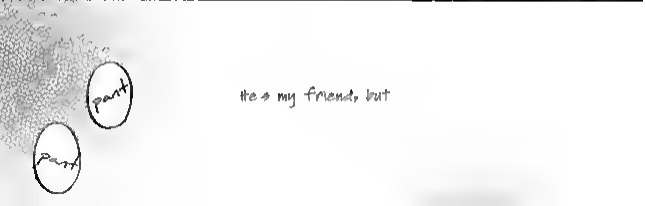
That's how strong they are

HEY, MICHINAGA.
HEY!
Pant pant.
IT'S EFFING COLD!
I live an 8-minute walk away from school
THE WIND IS CRAZY TODAY!
WHERE'S TAKA? IS HE LATE?
KAZAMA?
Taka lives 20 minutes away by bike
Pant
Pant
HAHAHA, LOOK AT YOU!!
YOUR HAIR IS CRAZY FROM THE WIND!

THERE'S NO ONE AT HOME TONIGHT.
WANNA COME OVER...?
WHAT DID KAZAMA START GROWING HIS HAIR FOR?
TAKA
Pull
Pull
WHAT'S UP, MICCHI?
WHAT ARE YOU WHISPERING ABOUT?
NOTHING!
AGHH!
DON'T BREAK INTO A SPRINT LIKE THAT, KAZAMA!
Whisper
THEN I'LL COME BY AFTER PRACTICE

SORRY I'M LATE !


WANNA GO TO MY ROOM?
SURE
Taka is my friend


pant
Pant
He's my friend, but

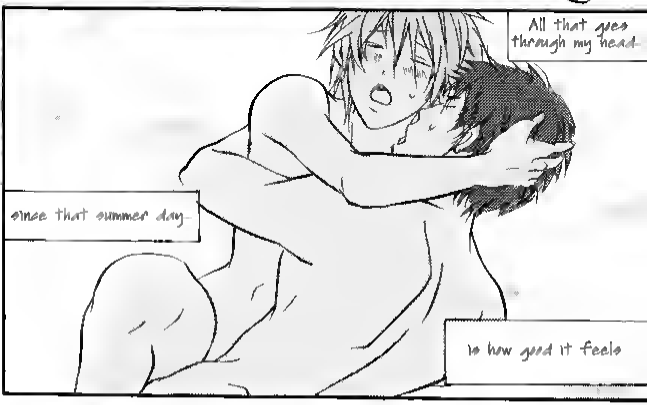
...SORRY.
IT'LL WARM UP SOON
Huh...
TAKA... YOUR FACE IS COLD
Huh...
but he didn't tell anyone about it
He listened to my troubles without complaining at all.
it was through a small accident...
that Taka found out i liked Ayuki-kawa-sensei
And...

I was so surprised, my mind went blank
My brain froze mid-thought.
I'll... BE YOUR REPLACEMENT FOR AYUKAWA
But I didn't mind it—
I was the one who suggested it the second time around
I CAN'T SEEM TO FORGET THE FEELING OF YOU INSIDE ME—
TAKA
Nnng
Nnng

pulse
Oh...
WAIT A MINUTE
IT'LL GET HARD AGAIN
Oh,
SURE
THUMP
THUMP
kyuuuu
IF I PUT IT IN THE FIRST TIME AROUND I WON'T LAST LONG
CAN I COME ONCE FIRST...?
kyuuuu
kyuuuu
THEN,
I'LL TRY IT OUT WITH MY MOUTH NEXT TIME
kyuuuu
I WANT YOU TO PUT IT IN AGAIN
AND MOVE INSIDE ME
Al...
Ah...!
After that, TaKa and I had sex many times
I'M GOING IN...
creak
creak
but my thoughts are still frozen
kyuuuu
Ah...
Ah...
kyuuuu
Hah...
clunk
clunk
Ah...

creak
nod
Hah..
Hahu
creak
creak
creak
creak
creak
TAKA
COM. ING
creak
I'M
creak
Ah!
creak
AHHH...!!
Ah..
shiver
creak
twitch
Hahu
Hah..
Hah..
PHEW

Kiss
Kiss
...
I like doing it with Taka.
I'M GONNA GET HARD AGAIN...
OOH.
YOUR HAIR SMELLS LIKE THE POOL.
SNIFF SNIFF
STOP IT...


All that goes through my head
since that summer day
to how good it feels

But,
sometimes, dazedly I think
That's all.

Why does Taka agree to have sex with me?

YOUR HOUSE IS PRETTY BIG HUH?
MICHI

Whoooo

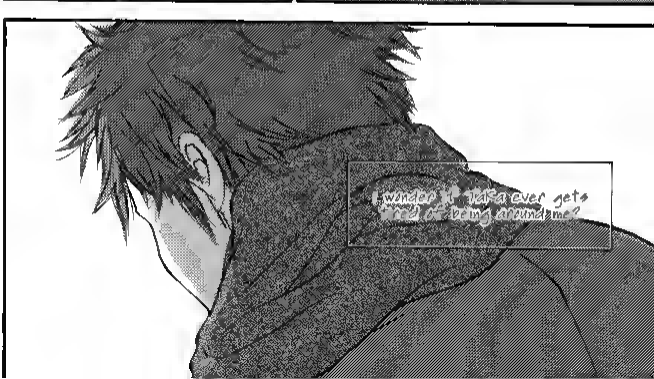
MY OLDER SISTER IS GOING INTO DENTISTRY, SO...
NOPE.
ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE UP THE PRACTICE...
MY PARENTS PRETTY MUCH TOLD ME I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT...
AFTER YOUR DAD?

I SEE
I WANT TO GO TO UNIVERSITY WITH EVERYONE ELSE...
AND GO INTO JOURNALISM.

*SIGNS: "Coat Fair" and "X-Mas Sale"

MICHI, ON CHRISTMAS EVE
WHEN I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE WAY HOME FROM CRAM SCHOOL MY FRIENDS AND I USED TO WALK THROUGH AND TALK REALLY LOUD
...
UH
I DON'T KNOW WHY COUPLES MAKE SUCH A BIG DEAL ABOUT CHRISTMAS EVE...
HUH? WHAT?
NEVER-MIND....
I SEE...
WE TRIED TO MAKE ALL THE COUPLES FEEL AWKWARD
HAHA...

I'm always the one that invites him over.
And I'm always the one that keeps the conversation going.
SEE YOU THEN...
Taka never demands anything of me.


I wonder if Taka ever gets tired of being around me?

AWW...
IT'S SO COLD...
It was because Taka did all these things for me...
That I was able to forget about—
but...
Taka is a good guy
And a good friend.
slam
slip
shoooosh
MMGH...
hmmh

...
AH...
TOMORROW IS CHRISTMAS EVE! HAVE YOU RESERVED YOUR CHRISTMAS CAKE YET? AT OUR STORE, YOU CAN...
MICHI-NAGA...!
HEH...
OH!
HAHA!
DO YOU WANT TO WALK FOR A BIT?
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME SEEING YOU OUT OF YOUR UNI-FORM!
HEHEH IT'S LIKE WE'RE ON A DATE!

I misunderstood
Because you were so handsome and amazing...
BUT I WAS SERIOUS ABOUT IT.
And it felt like I was being treated differently from everyone else...
...
JUST KIDDING
DON'T WORRY.
I WON'T TROUBLE YOU ANYMORE, SENSEI.
YOU KNOW...
I'VE WANTED TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU, MICHINAGA.
YOU MIGHT HAVE HEARD FROM KAZAMA, BUT...
I...
SAID STUFF LIKE HOW YOU MIGHT BE UNSTABLE...
IF YOU'RE TROUBLED I'LL LISTEN TO WHATEVER YOU HAVE TO SAY
IT'S OKAY...
-THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU
THAT I LIKE YOU, SENSEI

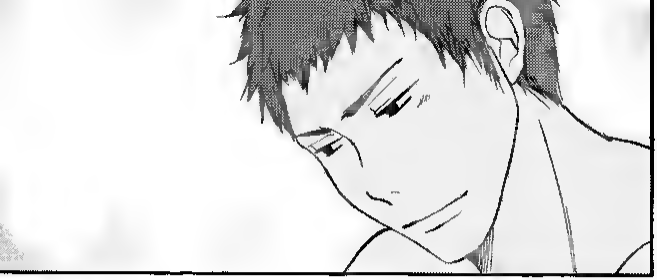
TAKA DIDN'T TELL ME ANY-THING
I WAS UNSTABLE MYSELF
HE'S A GOOD FRIEND
REALLY?
IT JUST SEEMS LIKE YOU ARE...
WH
WHY?
SENSEI
ARE YOU IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE?
HUWH?
IT'S ONE SIDED
YOU ARE?
COUGH
COUGH

MICHI-NAGA...
NOT EVERYONE IS LIKE YOU.
HUH? DID YOU ALREADY TELL THEM...?
OF COURSE NOT...
WHY NOT!? IF I WERE YOU, SENSE!—
...SORRY
HUH?
ISN'T THAT KAZ-MA?
OH NO...
I'M SORRY TOO, I JUST...

OH.
YOU'RE RIGHT!
turn
SENSEI SORRY...!
HUH!?
TAKA!
WAIT!

TAKA—
WH... WHY'RE YOU IGNORING ME!?
I GUESS I WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH HUH?
A "REPLACEMENT" AFTER ALL?
AM I JUST...
HUH...?

TAKA...
TAKA, WAIT. LISTEN...
SENSEI AND I JUST RAN INTO EACH OTHER...
NO. TAKA...
"I NEVER DO THINGS LIKE THIS
PRETENDING SOMEONE IS SOMEONE ELSE."
"ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID AT CAMP... IS THAT TRUE?"
"HUH?"
"YEAH, OF COURSE WHY?"
"YOU'RE YOU, TAK..."



Suddenly,

my heart was filled with pain.

Not because he had misunderstood...

but because Taka was even thinking about something like that

UM...
I E-MAILED HIM ABOUT COMING OVER BUT HE WASN'T ANSWERING...
OH
HE LEFT HIS CELL AT HOME!
Pinch
HEY.
YOU'RE TAKA'S FRIEND?
OH !
YOU LOOKING FOR HIM?
VRRRRR
GOING BY BUS AGAIN MUST BE A HASSLE
I'LL GIVE YOU A LIFT.
TAKA'S BEEN AT THE POOL IN FRONT OF THE STATION SINCE MORNING
O-OKAY I'LL HEAD OVER THERE THEN
HEY WAIT

THEY LOOK ALIKE...
BUT THEIR DEMEANOR IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
chuckle
GOING TO SEE TAKA, HUH...?
YOU GOT TIME ON YOUR HANDS OR SOMETHING?
Kindhearted brother
Darkness
WH-WHAT!?
OH, OLD CLASSMATE, RIGHT?
UH-HUH.
?
HEY...
THIS IS RANDOM, BUT...
YOU'RE AYUKAWA-SENSEI'S...
OH YEAH...!
SAY
HUH?
IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE
grin
HUH?
OH
THEN WHAT ABOUT YOURSELF...?
HMPH! HOW RUDE! I HAVE PLANS LATER TODAY. ALL RIGHT?
I SEE... I'M SORRY...

YOU KNOW HOW TAKA'S GROWING HIS HAIR OUT LATELY?
WEIRD GUY, I DUNNO WHO HE'S TRYING TO IMPRESS...
BUT IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH AYUKAWA.
I ASKED HIM, YOU A FAN OF HIM OR SOMETHING?
"I HATE THAT GUY..."
IS WHAT HE SAYS I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON
I THINK HE HAS A CRUSH ON SOMEONE WHO'S A FAN OF AYUKAWA
KNOW ANY-THING?
N-
NO...

I DON'T KNOW...

I'm sorry

Sensei,

Taka...

All this time, I didn't think of anyone but myself...

and my own feelings...

I'm sorry

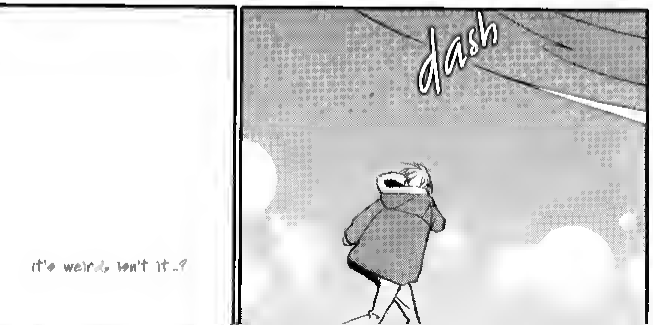
I'm so sorry.
—MICHI!
I'M SORRY FOR DROPPING BY SO SUDDENLY
OH!
UM
I DIDN'T
...BRING A RESENT EITHER...
I'M SORRY, I'M REALLY... BAD AT THESE KIND OF THINGS...

HUH...?
BUT,
I KNEW
I HAD TO SEE
YOU TODAY.
TODAY...
I KNEW
I HAD TO SEE
YOU, TAKA.

UHH... THAT'S ALL I CAME TO SAY...
I-I'LL HEAD HOME NOW... SEE YA...
THANKS!
FOR... COMING TO SEE ME TODAY!
—MICHI!

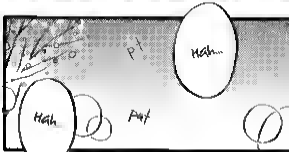
N...
NO PROBLEM...!

whoosh
STAGGER


dash
it's weird, isn't it..?

We've felt each other's bare skin so many times

But I'm so nervous I can't even hold his hand



Hey, Taka

How do we become lovers?

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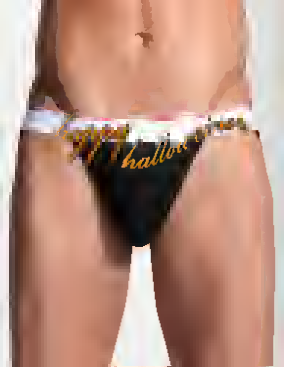
Happy Thallo

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Once you get away from the city, the road that stretches on narrows into a one-lane strip

In this town, you can't get anywhere without a car

SLAM
smile
THANKS, TOSHI YOU WERE GOING TO GIVE ME VEGETABLES?
SO MANY
THANKS I'LL ENJOY THEM WITH MY PARENTS
UH

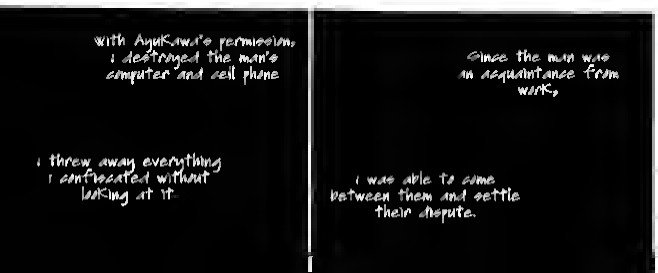
And he never turns my invitations down

Always reaching up on tiptoes, huh
YOU KNOW... MY LAME INVITATIONS...
FOR WHAT?
WELL...
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD TURN DOWN AN INVITATION FROM YOU, TOSHI
Hotel
Huhhh

OH, HEY.
DID YOU GET NEW SHOES?
mumble
turned
Iyuki-awa, who teaches at the high school
ran into a bit of trouble recently
HUH?
OH
YE-AH... YOU NOTICED?

I'M BEING THREATENED...
HE SAID IF I DON'T CONTINUE OUR RELATIONSHIP...
HE WOULD REVEAL EVERYTHING TO MY SCHOOL.
I'M A MAN AND A FULL-FLEDGED ADULT.
BUT IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL...
AND IT'S NOT LIKE HE WAS EVER VIOLENT TO ME.

Despite his bravado...
I'M FINE
IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY
it was clear from his attitude that he wasn't fine.

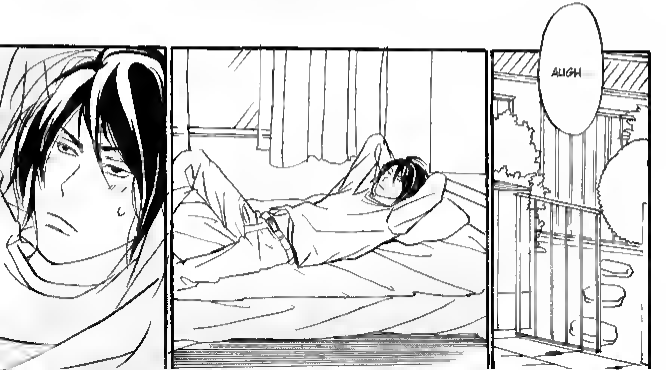

With Ayukawa's permission, I destroyed the man's computer and cell phone
I threw away everything I confiscated without looking at it.
Since the man was an acquaintance from work,
I was able to come between them and settle their dispute.

And since then, things have been relatively normal.

I don't plan on asking him for any details

And of course, Ayukawa won't say anything either

HM?
That i...
NOTHING
seem to lose my way with words when he's around


ALIGH

CRAP...
HELLO...
Pinch
OH, YEAH. JUST A MOMENT.
IS HE HERE?
Slide
ding dong
COMING!
OH!

NIICHAN! NIICHAAAN!*
OH... IT'S OKAY. DON'T WAKE HIM UP.
*Older brother
UMM, I THINK HE MIGHT BE ASLEEP
IDIOT!
Younger sister
SLAP
Younger brother
PLEASE, COME ON IN!
AYU-KAWA...
SURE.

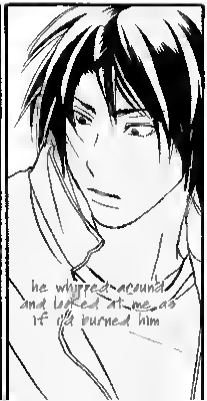
creak
creak
creak
creak
I knew then...
those were
AyuKawa's
footsteps
in my house.
nobody walks with
quiet footsteps
like him
click

TIP
TOE
...
zzz
zzz
slip

...
Whit
...
Step
Zzz...

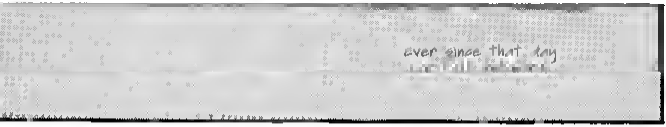
CLICK
thump
thump
thump
OH!
WAS HE ASLEEP!?
UH...
YEAH
thump
thump
YOU COULD'VE WOKEN HIM UP!
stomp
stomp
NII-CHAN!
NIICHAN!? AYUKAWA-SAN'S HERE!
AYU-KAWA?
COMING

the first time i began to see him differently



"what does this guy
"...have feelings for me?"

i thought it might be just my imagination.
but i couldn't help but think so.


ever since that day

...SURE.
CAN YOU GIVE ME A LIFT TO THE STATION?
NICHAN.
KNOCK
KNOCK
click
SLAM

HEY, BRO...

WHO'RE YOU PLAYING WITH?
OH, THAT KID FROM THE DENTIST'S?
HE'S A CUTE KID, HUH?

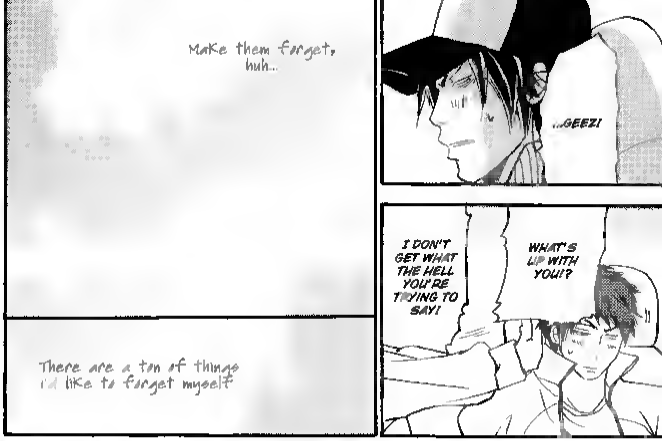
UH...
—LET'S SAY, FOR EXAMPLE—

HUH—?

—WHAT DO YOU DO?

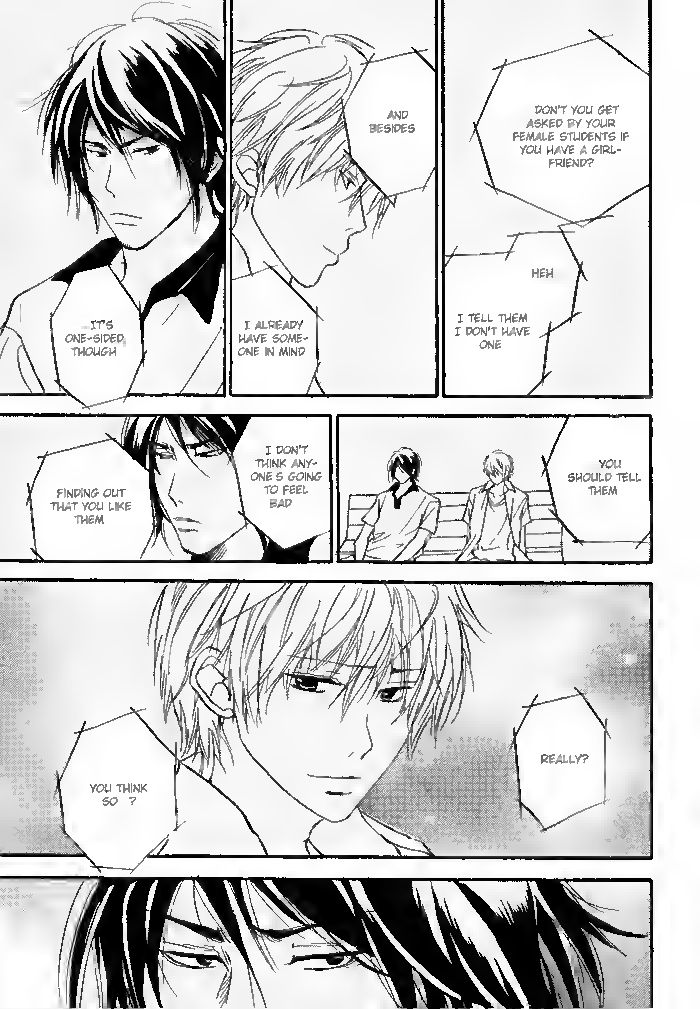
Y-
YOU FOUND OUT A SECRET...
OF SOMEONE YOU LIKE...

D...
DO, AS IN LIKE...
I GUESS
THAT WOULD DEPEND ON WHAT KIND OF SECRET
ALL RIGHT THEN WHAT IF...
YOU...
...WANTED TO MAKE THEM FORGET ABOUT IT
NAH
IT'S OKAY
NEVER MIND


Make them forget, huh...
There are a ton of things I'd like to forget myself
...GEEZ!
I DON'T GET WHAT THE HELL YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY!
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU!?

WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?
THAT HE'S NOT ALSO TO BLAME
YOU CAN'T SAY...
SO YOU'RE SAYING I'M A STALKER?

I MADE HIM CUM SO MANY TIMES!


DON'T YOU GET ASKED BY YOUR FEMALE STUDENTS IF YOU HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND?
HEH
I TELL THEM I DON'T HAVE ONE
AND BESIDES
I ALREADY HAVE SOME-ONE IN MIND
IT'S ONE-SIDED, THOUGH
YOU SHOULD TELL THEM
I DON'T THINK ANY-ONE'S GOING TO FEEL BAD
FINDING OUT THAT YOU LIKE THEM
REALLY?
YOU THINK SO ?

I don't care if it's my imagination

I look only at you...

and think only about you

SLAM
WOW, IT'S AMAZING.
SUCH BEAUTIFUL SCENERY.
DID YOU TAKE ME OUT ON A DRIVE...
I'M FLATTERED
YEAH
JUST TO SHOW ME THIS?
IN THE MOUNTAINS WAY OVER THERE
YOUR BROTHER WAS THERE TOO
WE WENT ON A CAMPING RETREAT...
THIS REMINDS ME, LAST SUMMER VACATION

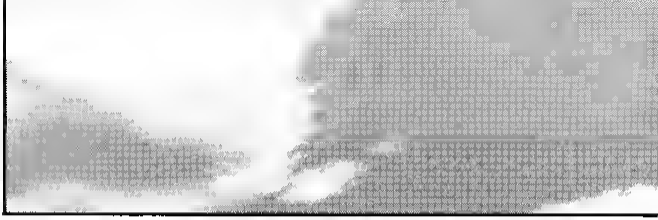
I THINK I'VE GOT IT LUCKY.
IT'S UNIVERSITY-PREP BUT WE'RE RELAXED, AND IT'S ALSO MY ALMA MATER.
WE'RE OUT IN THE COUNTRY.
...BUT I CARE ABOUT MY STUDENTS.
THAT TIME YOUR BROTHER TOOK A REALLY LONG TIME COMING BACK FROM THE HORROR WALK.
IT GAVE ME A SCARE.
LOTS OF THINGS HAPPEN
SOMETIMES THOUGH...
HEHE...
I DUNNO WHY, BUT HE INSISTS ON STUDYING HARD...
I DIDN'T STUDY MUCH, THOUGH...
I HOPE MY LITTLE TWERP OF A BROTHER ISN'T GIVING YOU TROUBLE
HEHEH
KAZAMA DOES WELL IN HIS CLUBS AND STUDIES

...OH...
thud
I JUST...
YOU SHOULDN'T LEAN OUT SO MUCH...
IT'S DANGEROUS...
OH...!
I'M SORRY TOSHI
SORRY...
WHAT'S WRONG AYU?

Why do you have to look at me like that?

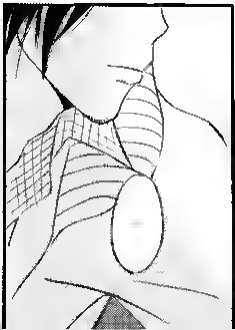
Every time we talk, you look away
I MADE YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY
I MADE YOU WORRY SO MUCH
SORRY THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME
i'm overwhelmed with the urge to put my arms around you

I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL GUILTY...
BUT EVERY TIME YOU'RE GOOD TO ME
BECAUSE I'M TAINTED.
YOU WERE THE LAST PERSON I WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS
TOSHI.



AYU
YOU SLEEPING...?

...AYU, I'M GONNA PARK
WANNA GET OUT AND TAKE A BREAK?



chirp
chirp
chirp
lean

kiss

TOSHI...

Forget the past

and the people around you

I want to forget all about it

I just want to be straightforwardly, honestly

in love with you

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It takes two hours to get from here to Tokyo, even getting to school is a bit of a hassle.

There aren't many trains running here, so if you miss yours you end up waiting for 20 minutes

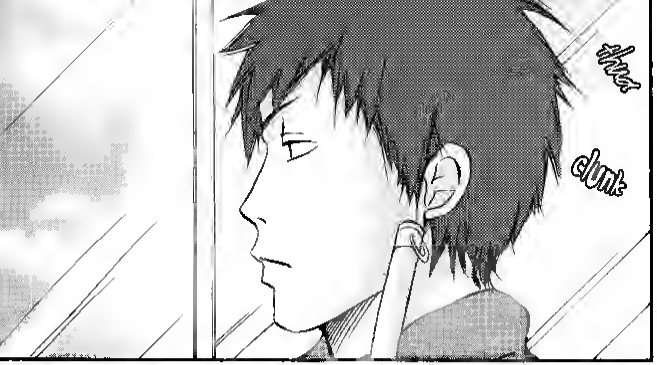
As a joke, people say they wish they had an "anywhere-door"*

*T/N. a popular item used in anime Doraemon by magical cat robot of the same name—a door that leads anywhere the user wishes.

I want to be closer to him.

Back then, we were still searching for words

Words to open that door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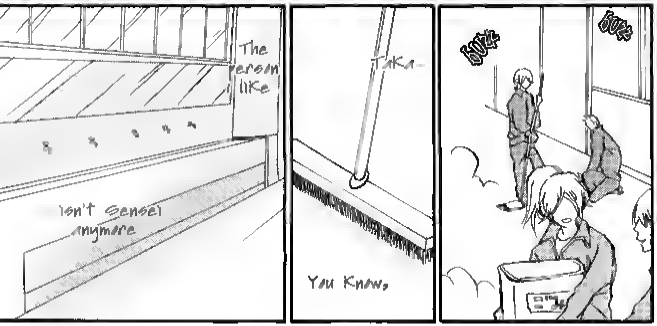
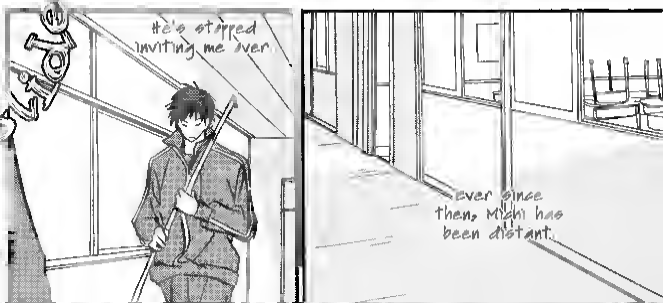

The
room
like
isn't Sensei
anymore
Aka
You Know
buzz
buzz

it's
not him

...I wanted to say something else, but...
Sensei...
He too said he already has someone else he likes...

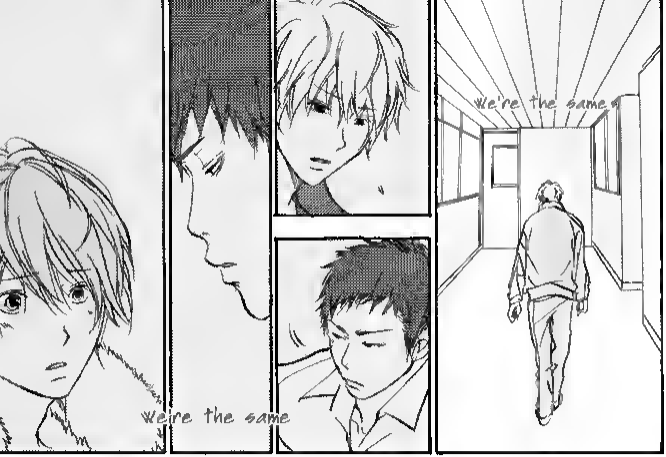
Next time!
That was what he said after Christmas.


He's stopped inviting me over.
Ever since then, Miyu has been distant.

NO
MICCHII, LET'S GO THROW OUT THE GARBAGE
SURE
He looks like he's about to say something.
KAZAMA, YOU'RE TAKING THE GARBAGE TOO?
OH, YEAH
PUT IT IN MICCHII'S WE'LL TAKE IT TOGETHER
"Distant" isn't the word.
Even though we make eye contact all the time.
then steps
...I can't describe it well.

I'M SORRY...
OH...
Jung
OH
YEAH
YOUR SWIMMING COMPETITION IS COMING UP, RIGHT?

AyuKawa '16
going through one-sided love
GOOD LUCK



I

—felt ashamed of how i'd acted until now

And at the same time,

i began to think of what i should do next.

SWISH

SWISH

tiptoe
WHOA!
YOU SCARED ME
DON'T SNEAK UP LIKE THAT!
HM!?
pinch

YEAH.
I USED TO ALWAYS HEAR YOUR VOICE IN THE HALLWAY.
NOW, I HARDLY HEAR ANYTHING.
YOU'RE AWFUL QUIET LATELY.
WHAT'S WRONG?
OH! I AM!?
KAZAMA HAS BEEN QUIET LATELY TOO
BUT HE WAS NEVER THE ONE TO TALK
THE GIRLS WERE SAYING SO TOO
"MICCHI'S ACTING STRANGE LATELY " ACCORDING TO THEM
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE YOU TWO ARE DOWN ABOUT ANYTHING
I'M NOT WORRIED THOUGH

YOU'RE CHEERFUL LATELY, SENSEI.
REALLY?
YEAH.
...OH.
DID I GUESS RIGHT?
DID SOMETHING GOOD HAPPEN...?
WITH THE PERSON YOU LIKE....

YOU SHOULDN'T PRY INTO PEOPLE'S PERSONAL AFFAIRS LIKE THAT
OKAY.
shake
YOU...

IT WOULD MAKE ME HAPPY TOO
BUT YOU KNOW IF YOU FOUND HAPPINESS SENSEI
chuckle
IT'S FINE
I'M SORRY SENSEI.

dash
dash
MICHI-NAGA...
YOU'RE SO LUCKY YOU'RE A CUTE ONE!
Pake
I'VE ALWAYS ENVIED YOUR STRAIGHT-FORWARD-NESS...
I ENVIED YOU!
MORE THAN YOU COULD KNOW.
My time for that has long over
That's what I used to think

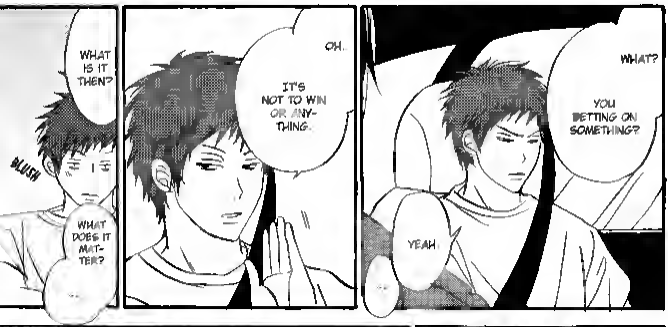
*T/N: (Older) brother

HH HUH
YOU COULD TELL JUST BY LOOKING?
REALLY ?
YOU CAN READ HIM LIKE A BOOK.
I SEE...
—IKE THAT...
HM?
YOU'RE SO KIND, ONI-SAN
STOP THAT
WHY SO SUDDEN?

I want to be like that
to be able to perceive the other's feelings
without even talking to them
NO... SEE YOU THEN
SAY SOME-THING?
I WISH I COULD BE LIKE THAT
CREEK
I want to be someone like that

Slam
HEY... YOU TOOK LONG
OH... SORRY...
TODAY'S DINNER WAS CREAM STEW.
CREAM STEW AGAIN?
OH WELL
YEAH...
THE KID WAS HERE EARLIER
I TOLD HIM HE COULD WAIT UNTIL YOU CAME BACK, BUT...
KID...
HUH...?
HE WENT HOME
MICHI...?
...I SEE

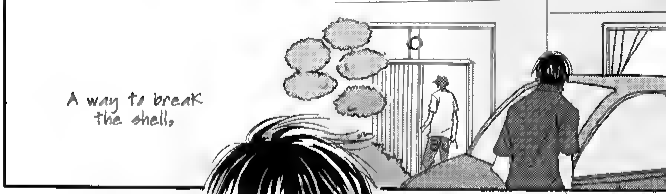
IT'S OKAY.
UNTIL THE COMPETITION IS OVER


WHAT?
YOU BETTING ON SOMETHING?
YEAH.
OH.
IT'S NOT TO WIN OR ANYTHING.
WHAT IS IT THEN?
WHAT DOES IT MATTER?

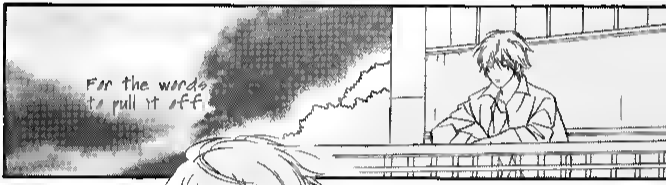
I KNOW
...WHAT'S UP WITH YOU? STOP BEING SUCH A WUSS!
...

BUT I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT.
YOU'RE RIGHT...
IT'S KIND OF EMBAR-RASSING...
I THINK SO TOO.
RIGHT

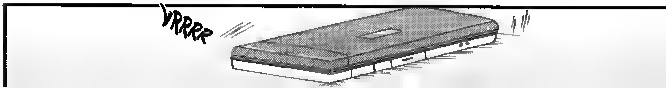
All of us...
...were searching for words.


A way to break
the shell,

to get a little closer

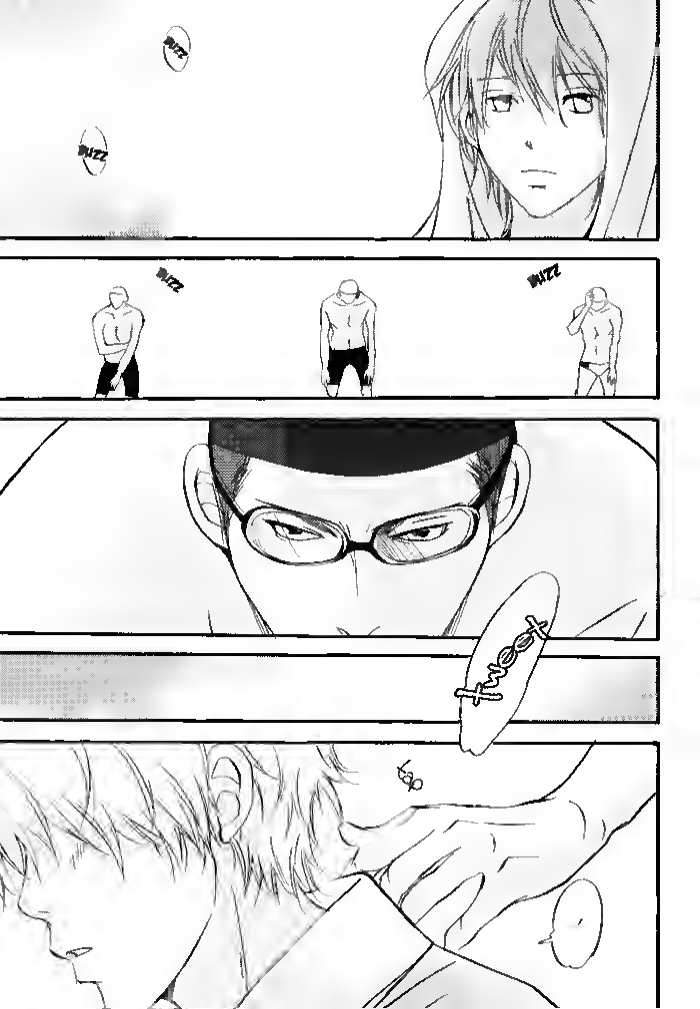

For the words
to pull it off.

We were all searching—


VRRRR

YAWN
MICHI
I'M GONNA GET 1ST PLACE AT THE COMPETI TION
WHEN I DO I HAVE SOME THING TO TELL YOU

BUZZ
BUZZ
MICHI
JUST YOU WAIT


BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
tweet
tap

...STOP COMING UP FROM BEHIND LIKE THAT.
HEY
YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE THE TYPE TO GET NERVOUS.
YEAH. I'M ONLY LIKE THIS WITH YOU.
I'D BE TOO NERVOUS FACING YOU UPFRONT.

...MINE IS GOING TO GET A BIT LONG.
MINE'LL BE OVER IN A MINUTE.
I... HAVE SOMETHING I NEED TO TELL YOU.
SO DO I.
YEAH.
BUT...
NOW...
TOSHI...
Whoosh
SHISHA

IT'S ALRIGHT, AYU
flash
flash

HEY!
AH...
HEHE..
HAHA

AYU
I LOVE YOU
IF YOU SAY OKAY, I'M GONNA KISS YOU
TOSHI...
I COULD NEVER SAY NO TO YOU
BECAUSE I...

TOO BAD HUH
2ND PLACE
NICE WORK OUT THERE
TH
THANKS
YOU WERE REALLY COOL
YEAH
YOU WERE WATCHING?

WHAT YOU WERE SAYING EARLIER
ARE YOU STILL GONNA TELL ME EVEN THOUGH YOU DIDN'T GET 1ST PLACE?
CAN I TELL YOU EVEN IF I DIDN'T GET 1ST PLACE?
OF COURSE
YEAH
THAT "NEXT TIME" THING?
THIS IS EMBARRASSING
IF YOU WON'T TELL ME I WON'T TELL YOU EITHER
YOU'RE YOU TAKA.

I LIKE YOU
SAY YOU'LL BE MINE
YES!

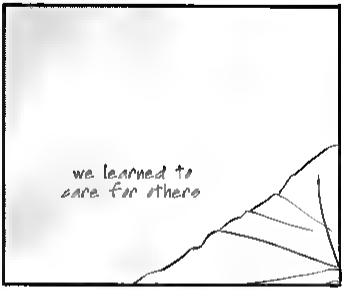
-it takes 2 hours to get to Tokyo from here.

The summers are blistering hot,

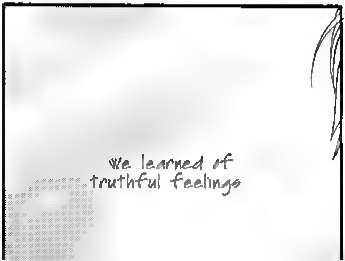
the winters are windy beyond belief.

There isn't really anywhere to hang out, except the local shopping mall

But in this town,

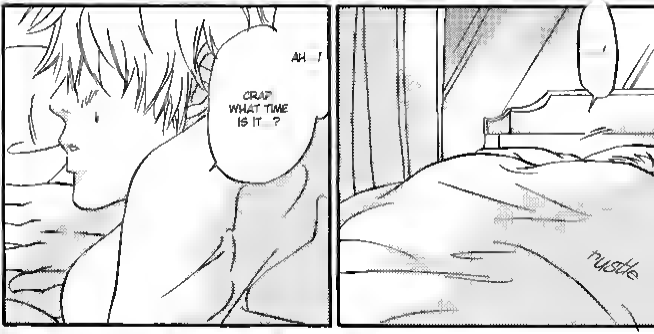


To muster the courage
to take the leap

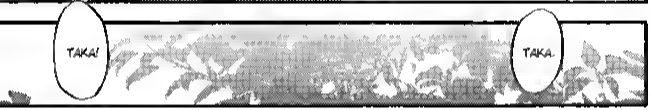


of bittersweet love

We learned it all


AH...!
CRAP WHAT TIME IS IT...?
rustle

HAH YOU'RE RIGHT
IT'S SUNDAY
HEH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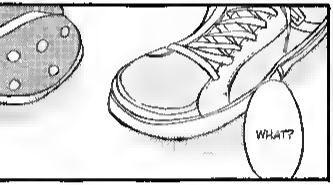
TAKA.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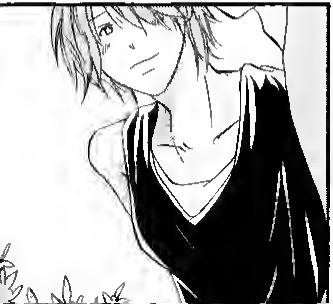
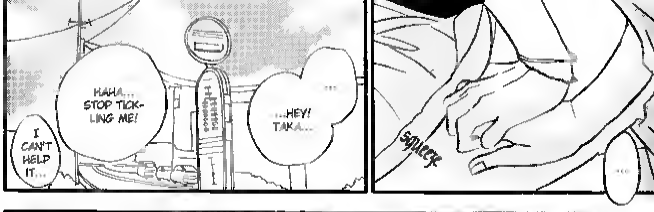
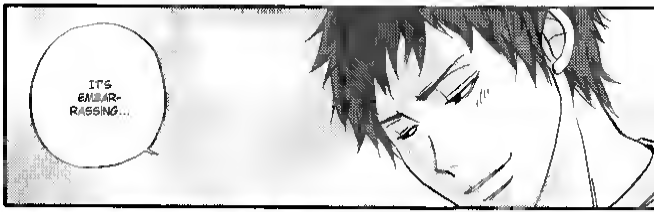
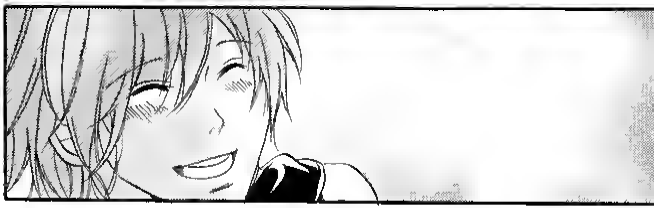


I DON'T THINK THE POOL IS OPEN YET
HEHE I CAN'T WAIT!
I BOUGHT NEW SWIMMING TRUNKS
NO WAY







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Heart-warming Extras

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YOUR BROTHER'S GOOD AT KARATE RIGHT?
BUT AT OUR DOJO THERE WAS A LEGENDARY SEMPAI*
I HAVEN'T MET HIM THOUGH
HE RETURNED VICTORIOUS FROM SO LOCAL PREFECTURAL DOJO AFTER CHALLENGING ALL THEIR MEMBERS
HE CONTINUED ON PERFORMING HIS 10-TILE-CHOP AT TOWN FESTIVALS
Whoa

*T/N upperclassman; in this case, a senior in the dojo.

IT WAS TRUE!?
I thought you were lying
It's not a big deal really
YOU WERE THAT SEMPAI?
ALL VOLUMES OF OSHIMEN
HAHA HA.
MY DAD FRAGS ABOUT CHOPPING 10 TILES TOO
HAHA
HAHA
IT GETS REALLY NOISY
IT MUST BE NICE BEING IN A BIG FAMILY
3
Father
Mother
Eldest daughter
Third eldest son
Two cats
Great grandmother
Grand-father
Grand-mother
Next eldest son
Eldest son

I CAN IMAGINE...
IT'S A SMALL CATASTROPHE TRYING TO GET US ALL SOMEWHERE AT THE SAME TIME
4
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
SO WHEN WE'RE ALONE THE BACK IS ALL EMPTY SORRY ABOUT THAT
THAT'S OKAY WE CAN LOAD A LOT OF STUFF IN THE BACK
IS THIS GOOD?
YEAH
SHOULD I BUY IT?
HM?
OH!
OH!

HAHA
YEAH STOP GETTING IN THE WAY
AH—
NO THAT'S ALL RIGHT
SHOULD WE GO FOR COFFEE?
LATELY, YEAH
THEY EVEN HANG OUT TOGETHER ON THEIR FREE DAYS?
SENSEI AND YOUR BROTHER SEEM CLOSE
RUNNING INTO A STUDENT AND A YOUNGER BROTHER AWKWARD
STUPID KID POPPING UP EVERYWHERE
ONCE IN A WHILE CAN'T BE BAD
SHOULD WE GO?
SO
GOOD IDEA
LET'S GO SOMEWHERE WHERE THEY WOULDN'T GO

END